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**IN RE: Letter of Appeal --- CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter of appeal regarding the Administrator's Decision on Appeal-Funding Year 2001-2002 dated June 26, 2001, and received by Taft ISD on July 2, 2001.

The letter specifically stated that the reason for Full Denial was that the original request for appeal of the Form 471 Certification was dated March 13, 2001 and did not meet the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001 deadline for Form 471 Certification. May we be allowed to explain the mix up on this Round 4 submission.

Taft I.S.D. successfully submitted the Round 4 – Form 471 application online and submitted the Certification page with an original signature dated January 16, 2001. (*Attached copy of original*) On March 13, 2001, we received a letter dated March 8, 2001 announcing that our submission of Round 4 – Form 471 had been denied because a certification page with a signature had not been submitted along with the other documentation. The peculiar thing about this is that we always make copies of every document that we mail with our submissions and we had a copy of the original Certification page.

Anyway, in effort to assure we received Round 4 funding, Taft I.S.D. submitted a Letter of Appeal to this denial of funding and submitted another Certification page along with the other 471 documents. The error that was made was that we dated this Certification page March 13, 2001 instead of January 16, 2001 as had been done on the original submission. Therefore, a denial of funding was received.

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Taft I.S.D. is submitting this appeal to the denial of funding. We strongly feel there has been an error by both entities. Attached you will find copies of the Certification pages that were submitted and hopefully this will help clarify these errors. Taft I.S.D. strongly depends on E-Rate funding, therefore full denial of this funding would definitely be a detriment to the students of this rural farming community.

We hope that this correspondence is sufficient to receive approval for Round 4 – E Rate funding.

Below is the name of the district contact person if you should have any further questions regarding this appeal.

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Respectfully



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Cc: Representative Ruben Hinojosa – U.S. House of Representatives

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**FCC Form 471**

Services Ordered and Certification Form



Applicant's Form Identifier: 4A

Entity Number: 141620

Contact Person: Emiliano Alaniz Jr.

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25. The eligible schools and libraries listed in Block 4 of this application have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services.

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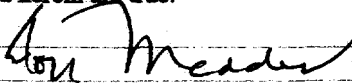
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33. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named institution, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

34. Signature of authorized person



35. Date 1/16/01

36. Printed name of authorized person Don Madden

37. Title or position of authorized person Superintendent

38. Telephone number of authorized person (361) 528-2636 x 2222

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March 13, 2001

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**IN RE: Letter of Appeal**

Dear Sir:

Please accept this letter of appeal regarding the Form 471 Certification-Rejection Letter received by Taft I.S.D. on March 13, 2001.

The letter specifically stated that the **Form 471 Certification submitted refers to a Form 471 filed on-line (electronically) that is incomplete.** Attached is a corrected certification form along with Item 21 Attachments.


Prior to downloading Block 6 of the 471, we attempted to access our electronically filed 471. Our district contact person, Emiliano Alaniz, Jr., typed in the 471 Application # and Security code to access the incomplete 471 but received this message: "Application is already Completed, Certified or Canceled." He then called the Client Service Bureau for further assistance. They instructed him that all the district had to do was re-submit the Certification form along with a letter of appeal.

We hope that this correspondence is sufficient to continue the ERATE Round 4, 471 approval process.

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36 Printed name of authorized person <u>DON MADDEN</u>	
37 Title or position of authorized person <u>SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS</u>	
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**NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS:** Section 54.504 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts to file this Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471) with the Universal Service Administrator, 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. All schools and libraries planning to order service eligible for universal service discounts must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

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The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of a FCC statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

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If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC may delay processing of your application or may return your application without action.

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